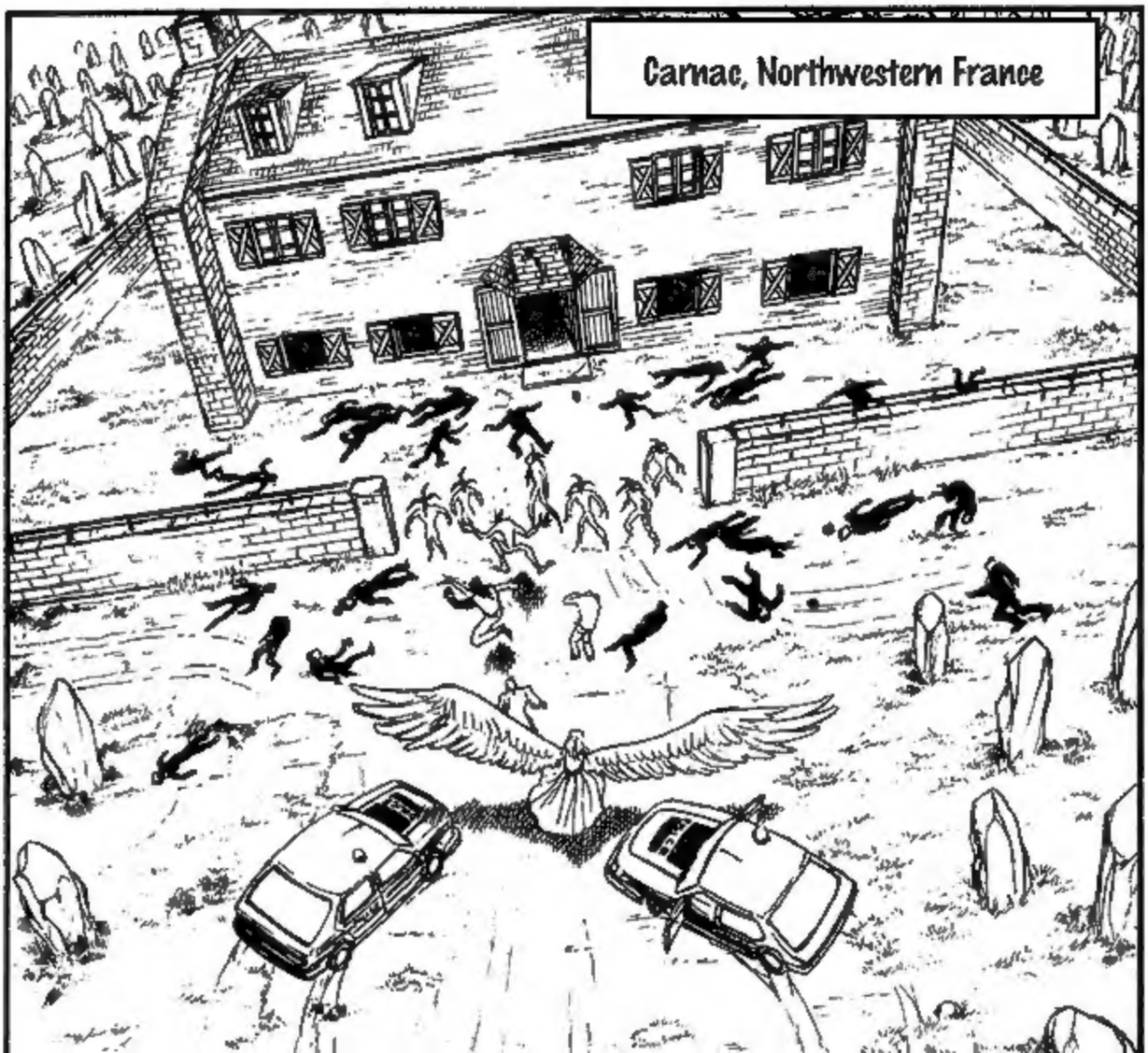
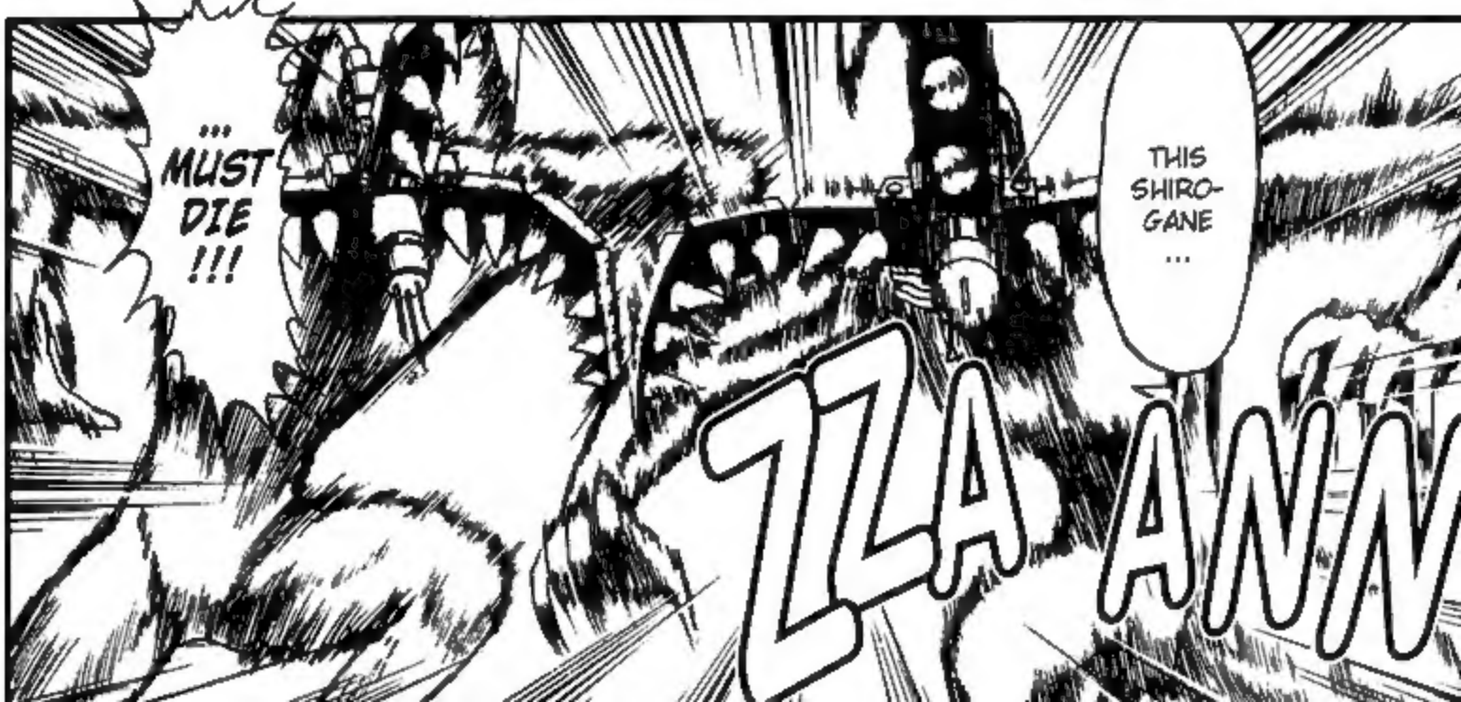
ACT VII: KARAKURI * A MAN

"A MAN WHO FIGHTS"



PFFF!
I'M FED UP WITH THIS!
WHO ARE YOU?!
PLEASE STEP ASIDE, LIEUTEN-ANT.
TAN

... GUY?
THAT'S HIM!
KILL HIM!


THIS SHIRO-GANE ...
... MUST DIE !!!
ZZA
ANN

ZOOM
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SPA

SPLASH
BLOP BLUB
BLOB

ZOOM

THAWN
SPLAT
WH...
WHAT?
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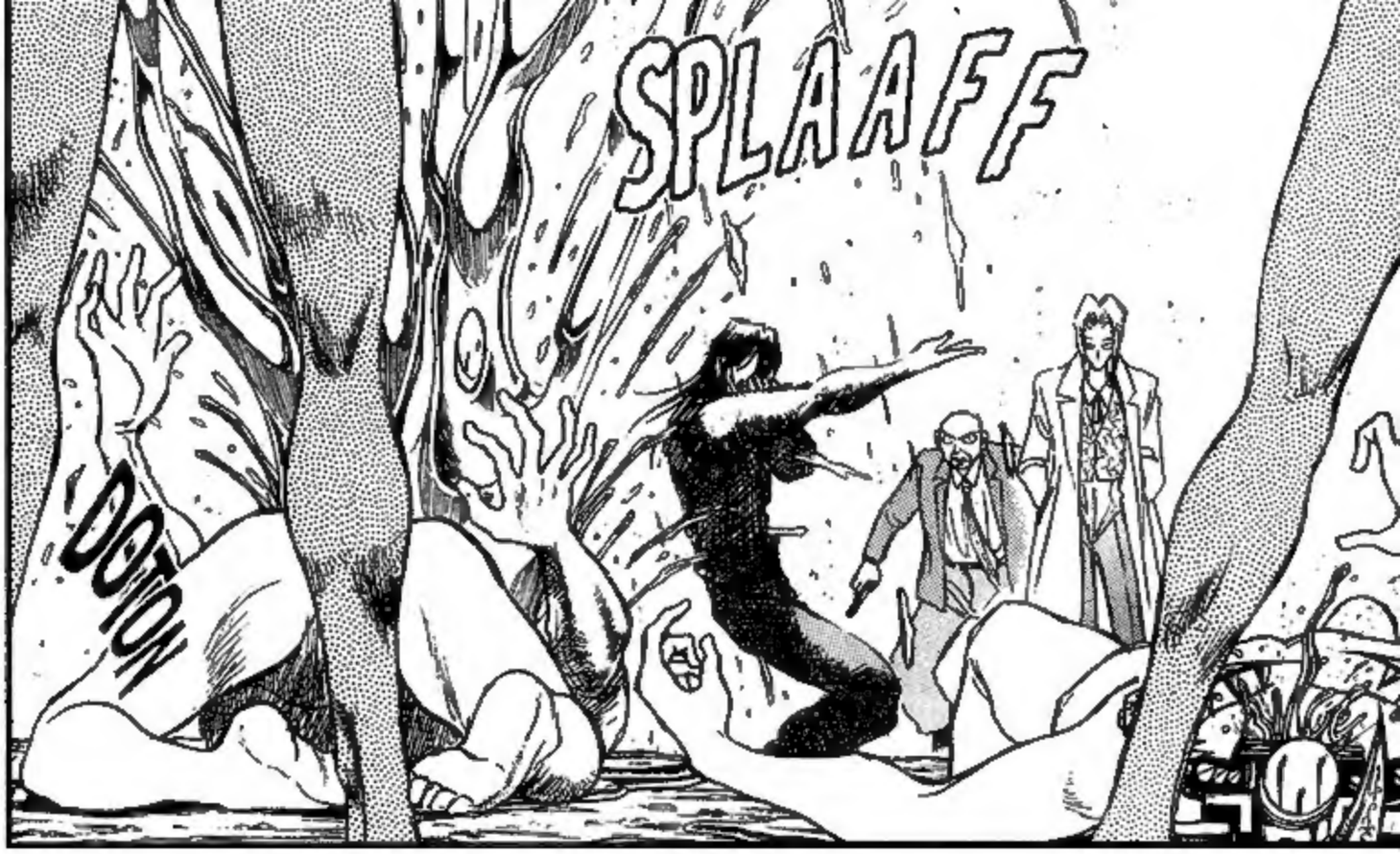
DOTON
MY BLOOD... MY VITAL... FLUIDS...
THEY'RE... HEATING UP!!!
TAN
TON
DOTON


SPLAAFF
DOTON

IS HE A...
NEW SHIRO-GANE?
...BARE-HANDED.
WHO IS THIS?
HE DOESN'T HAVE A PUPPET AND HE FIGHTS US...

MY NAME IS NARUMI!
GOOH

A SHIRO-GANE?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!

NO!
WE MUST WAIT FOR FLAVIO!
GOOH
DAMN HUMAN!
YOU DARE MOCK US?!

NARUMI, YOU SHOULD RUN! YOU SHOULD NOT CONFRONT FLAVIO'S LACKEYS FACE TO FACE! IF THEY CATCH UP TO YOU, YOU'RE DONE FOR!

RUN AWAY!
THESE THINGS ARE TOO QUICK!

WATCH OUT!!!

AND YET... NOW ...

WHY ARE YOU GETTING ANGRY?
SHUT YER TRAP!
SHUT UP!!!

ON THE WAY HERE, I SWORE TO MYSELF THAT I WOULD NEVER FIGHT AGAINST THESE AUTOMATONS!

DONF
HOOH
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SDAA
AAF

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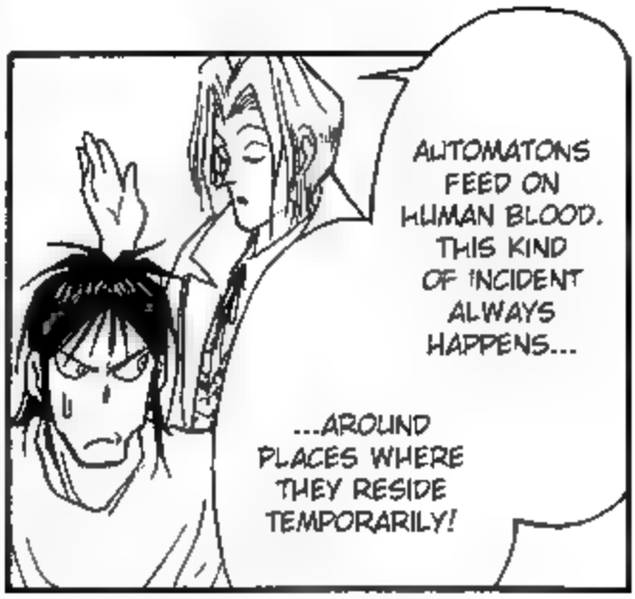
ZAK
SAH
BAA
WW

TAN TAN!
SRAAA
... FLAVIO!
WE MUST WARN ...
HUH?
"SHIRO-GANES"
EVEN THE POLICE SPECIAL FORCES COULDN'T SCRATCH THOSE THINGS!
I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHO YOU ARE...
UH... SAY...
SHIROGANES... I HEARD ABOUT THEM. THEY'RE A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO TRAVEL FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY TO ACCOMPLISH A MISSION.
YOUR SUPERIORS WILL UNDERSTAND.
IN YOUR REPORT, YOU SHALL WRITE...
...ONLY ONE WORD: "SHIRO-GANES"

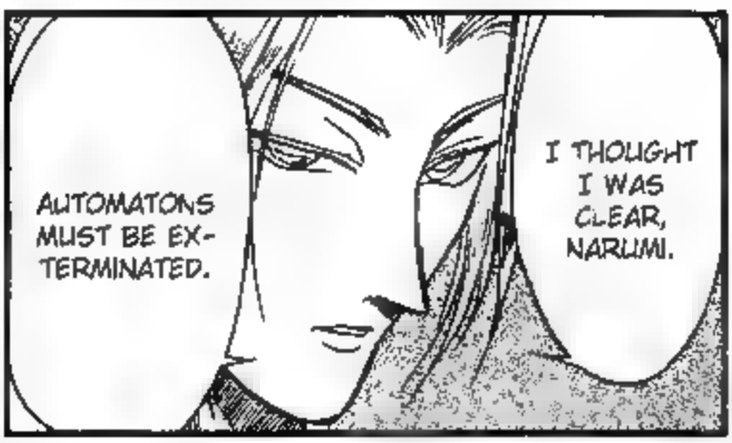
OUR OBJECTIVE IS...
THE COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF ALL AUTOMATONS.
...ARE YOU PART OF THAT GROUP?
NOBODY KNOWS WHAT THEY DO, BUT THE GOVERNMENTS OF ALL COUNTRIES SYSTEMATICALLY ALLOW THEM TO ACT UNCHECKED, WHATEVER THEY DO. THEY ALWAYS REACH THEIR OBJECTIVES, WITHOUT REGARD FOR THE MEANS...
WH... WHY?!
GUH
GUH...
GUH...
HM?
WHAT IS IT, NARUMI?
GUY, I WARN YOU! I SWORE THAT I'D NEVER OBEY YOU!!!
YOU SAVE MY LIFE, WHEN I NEVER ASKED ANYTHING OF ANYONE! THEN YOU FORCE ME TO FIGHT!!!
WHY AM I FIGHTING, EVEN AGAINST MY WILL?!
FUAAA
ZAAANN

COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
SHUT UP!!!
YOU'RE GONNA STOP THIS LITTLE GAME RIGHT NOW!!!
TAN TAN TAN TAN
IT IS POINT-LESS TO RESIST!
YOU MUST ACCEPT REALITY!
I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE CHILDREN AND THE TEACHER.
ANYWAY ...
...WE HAVE TO ASK FOR REIN-FORCE-MENTS.
AT THE BEGINNING, WE CAME HERE TO ARREST A HOSTAGE TAKER...
WHAT DID YOU SAY JUST NOW?!
THIS IS RIDICULOUS! I'VE DECIDED NOT TO FIGHT! BELIEVE ME, WHEN I DECIDE SOMETHING...
HUH?!
A WITNESS SAW A TEACHER AND FOUR OF HER PUPILS BEING KIDNAPPED.

SO THEY DIDN'T ONLY TAKE ONE OF YOUR OLD TEACHERS?!
THEY ALSO TOOK OTHER PEOPLE, TO SUCK OUT THEIR BLOOD?!


AUTOMATONS FEED ON HUMAN BLOOD. THIS KIND OF INCIDENT ALWAYS HAPPENS...
...AROUND PLACES WHERE THEY RESIDE TEMPORARILY!

CHILDREN... ARE INSIDE... RIGHT NOW...


AUTOMATONS MUST BE EXTERMINATED.
I THOUGHT I WAS CLEAR, NARUMI.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS CHILD?

... ARE COMING BACK.
FRAGMENTS OF MY MEMORY...

AND THERE'S ALL THIS WATER...
THE WALLS ARE COLLAPSING...

DID THIS CHILD DIE?!
BRRUM
BRRUM

...IN FRONT OF MY EYES?!
RIGHT...

ZZZAAA
I DON'T THINK IT'S NECESSARY.

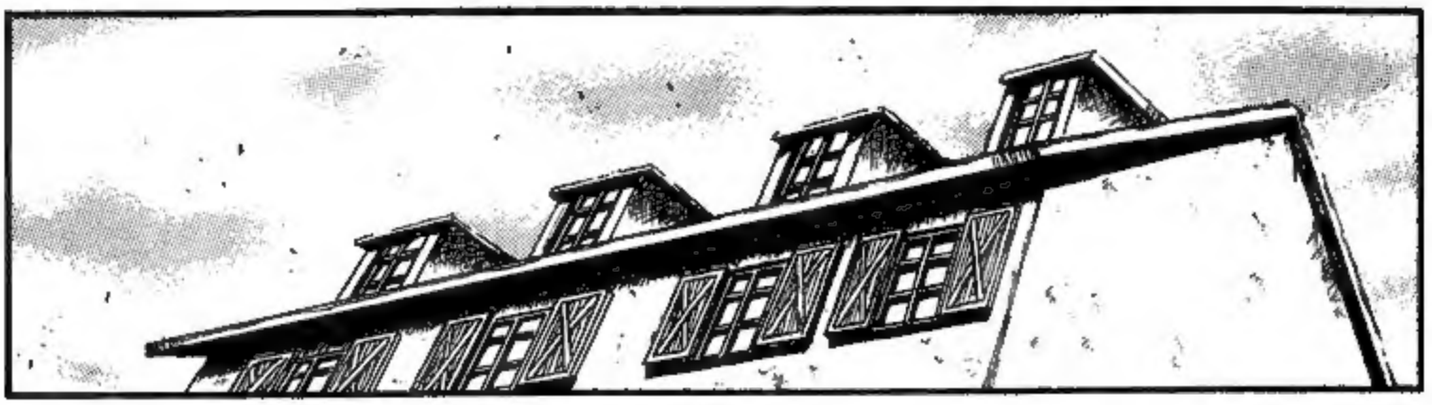
I'M GOING TO CALL FOR BACKUP.

NO.

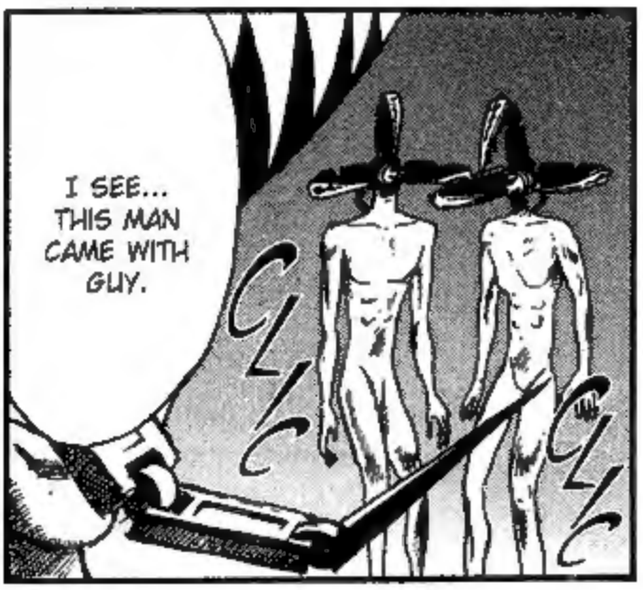
TA
AN
AT LEAST WAIT UNTIL BACKUP ARRIVES!
EVEN IF YOU'RE REALLY STRONG, YOU WON'T HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST THEM BY YOURSELF!
THEY'RE MON-STERS !!!
STOP!!! DON'T GO IN !!!
DAAH
WHY?
...
I REMEMBER ONLY A FEW THINGS FROM MY PAST,
BUT... THERE'S ONE THING I KNOW...
IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.
NARUMI, I'M GOING TO TRY TO ENTER FROM THE BACK OF THE BUILDING.
...LET'S WORK AS A TEAM.

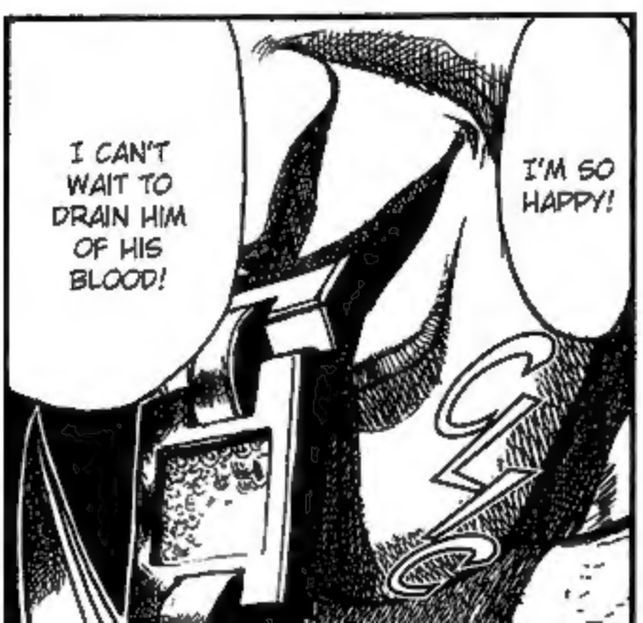
WHEN I HEAR CHILDREN CRYING IN FEAR OR IN DISTRESS...
...I'VE GOT TO HELP!
YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT,
BUT...
...YES...
HE'S CRAZY...
KYAH

FLAP!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY...
...I CHOSE HIM!



FLAVIO ...
HM? WHAT IS IT?
YOU CAN STILL RUN AWAY...
KUH


I SEE... THIS MAN CAME WITH GUY.


I'M SO HAPPY!
I CAN'T WAIT TO DRAIN HIM OF HIS BLOOD!

THE SHIROGANES FOR WHOM YOU THINK YOU'VE LAID A TRAP...
...ARE WAY TOO STRONG FOR YOU.
YOU TALK TOO MUCH, OLD COOT!
YOU CAN JUST WATCH HOW I'LL KILL THEM LITTLE BIT BY LITTLE BIT!
CLIC CLIC CLIC
GAAAH !!!
I'll take care of this monster. Take this chance and run with the children.
FLAP...
OK... LET'S GO!
MISS!
WAIT!